

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3364, Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4349–S4608*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1641–1671, and S. Res. 234–236. **Pages S4425–26**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1648, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–137)

S. 1655, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–138)

S. 1662, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–139)

S. Con. Res. 15, expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2017, as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day”, with an amendment.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Wounded Officers Recovery Act:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3298, to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4361–62**

Flake Amendment No. 409, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4362**

**Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act:** By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 175), Senate passed H.R. 3364, to provide congressional review and to counter aggression by the Govern-

ments of Iran, the Russian Federation, and North Korea. **Pages S4387–89**

#### Measures Considered:

**American Health Care Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1628, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2017, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4349–61, S4362–87, S4389–S4415**

##### Adopted:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 177), Enzi (for Heller) Amendment No. 502 (to Amendment No. 267), to strike the sunset of the repeal of the tax on employee health insurance premiums and health plan benefits. **Pages S4389–99**

##### Rejected:

By a unanimous vote of 57 nays, 43 responding present (Vote No. 173), McConnell (for Daines) Modified Amendment No. 340 (to Amendment No. 267), to provide for comprehensive health insurance coverage for all United States residents, improved healthcare delivery. **Pages S4350–70**

By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 176), Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S4398–99**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 178), Murray motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions. **Pages S4400–15**

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 179), McConnell Amendment No. 667 (to Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4399–S4415**

##### Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 267, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4350**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 174), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the waiver provisions of applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Enzi (for Strange) Amendment No. 389 (to Amendment No. 267), to provide for premium assistance for low-income individuals. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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Subsequently, H.R. 1628 was returned to the Senate Calendar.

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**Newsom Nomination—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 2017.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 2017.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

C.J. Mahoney, of Kansas, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative (Investment, Services, Labor, Environment, Africa, China, and the Western Hemisphere), with the rank of Ambassador.

John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Michael James Dodman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

J. Steven Dowd, of Florida, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Justin Hicks Siberell, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Halsey B. Frank, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Jeffrey B. Jensen, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Mark A. Klaassen, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

Byung J. Pak, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Brian D. Schroder, of Alaska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

D. Michael Hurst, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

William C. Lamar, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Army.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

**Pages S4419–20**

**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—179)

**Pages S4370, S4386–87, S4389, S4398–99, S4415**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017 and adjourned at 1:56 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017, until 4 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4606.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rostin Behnam, of New Jersey, Brian D. Quintenz, of Ohio, and Dawn DeBerry Stump, of Texas, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1662) entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”;

An original bill (S. 1655) entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”; and

An original bill (S. 1648) entitled, “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018”.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer, Ellen M. Lord, of Rhode Island, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Lucian Niemeyer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of J. Paul Compton, Jr., of Alabama, to be General Counsel, and Anna Maria Farias, of Texas, and Neal J. Rackleff, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Richard Ashooh, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Elizabeth Erin Walsh, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, and Christopher Campbell, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the

Treasury, and Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Reappointment), and to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, “Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2018”, and

The nominations of David Steele Bohigian, of Missouri, to be Executive Vice President, and Ray Washburne, of Texas, to be President, both of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Kay Bailey Hutchison, of Texas, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Luis E. Arreaga, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Nathan Alexander Sales, of Ohio, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, George Edward Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Carl C. Risch, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary (Consular Affairs), Sharon Day, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Krishna R. Urs, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Kelly Knight Craft, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to Canada, Kelley Eckels Currie, of Georgia, to be Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Robert Wood Johnson IV, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Lewis M. Eisenberg, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, all of the Department of State.

### ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE U.S. ELECTIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Foreign Agents Registration Act and attempts to influence United States elections, focusing on lessons learned from current and prior Administrations, after receiving testimony from William Browder, Hermitage Capital Management, London, United Kingdom.